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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time extending to March 27, 2005, the period for response to the Final Office Action dated September 27, 2004. Please charge the fee of \$1,020 for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. The responsive paper(s) are attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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